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A
BOOK
OF
FAIRFAX
ROSES

W. R. GRAY

OAKTON, VIRGINIA

~FAIRFAX COUNTY~

FAIRFAX ROSES FOR 1931

The Aristocrats of Rosedom

THE name of Fairfax—famous for two centuries as the home of exclusiveness—never has been used more appropriately to denote aristocratic refinement than when applied to the Roses of Fairfax County, Va. Every condition of soil and climate is so favorable that Fairfax Roses become truly superb.

My Rose Nurseries are in the heart of the best Rose-growing sections of the United States. The seasons are long and mild, yet cold enough to provide the essential "dormant period" in which the bushes may rest and gather energy. The growing period is so long that Fairfax Roses two years old are much larger and stronger than those of equal age grown farther north.

Bear in mind that my Roses are as hardy as need be—customers in Canada are using them with entire satisfaction. One reason for this is that they are grown right out in the open, with no protection. Plants grown under glass are liable to be "soft" and not hardy.

The vitality of the Rose plants you buy is another exceedingly important matter. Some unscrupulous growers will force Roses for blooms all winter, and then sell the exhausted plant in the spring. My Fairfax Roses are not that sort. My plants are all heavy, stocky and vigorous, grown on their own roots, except where noted.

TERMS. Cash with order. Requests for credit must be refused, it takes too much time looking up, especially in the busy season, delaying packing, shipping, etc. In fairness to all of my customers I make this request.

REMIT by post-office money order payable at Oakton, Va.; by express money order, draft or personal check. If currency is enclosed, letter must be registered; otherwise I cannot be responsible for it. Please do not send stamps.

ERRORS. I use every precaution to guard against errors, but in the press of business they sometimes will occur. I always wish to know of anything not satisfactory, so I may correct the error.

Always use order sheet, as it enables me to fill orders with dispatch and accuracy.

When sending your order, if you will send the names of a few of your friends who are plant buyers, I will send you something extra for your trouble. I will send you many fine plants extra if you will get your friends' orders and send them with yours, so that all may go by express to you.

LARGE ROSES FOR IMMEDIATE EFFECT. I call special attention to the two-year-old plants offered, as they are very heavy, fine plants, and the prices are low. I keep them in cold houses during winter—entirely dormant—so they are in the best condition for immediate blooming.

TRANSPLANTING DIRECTIONS

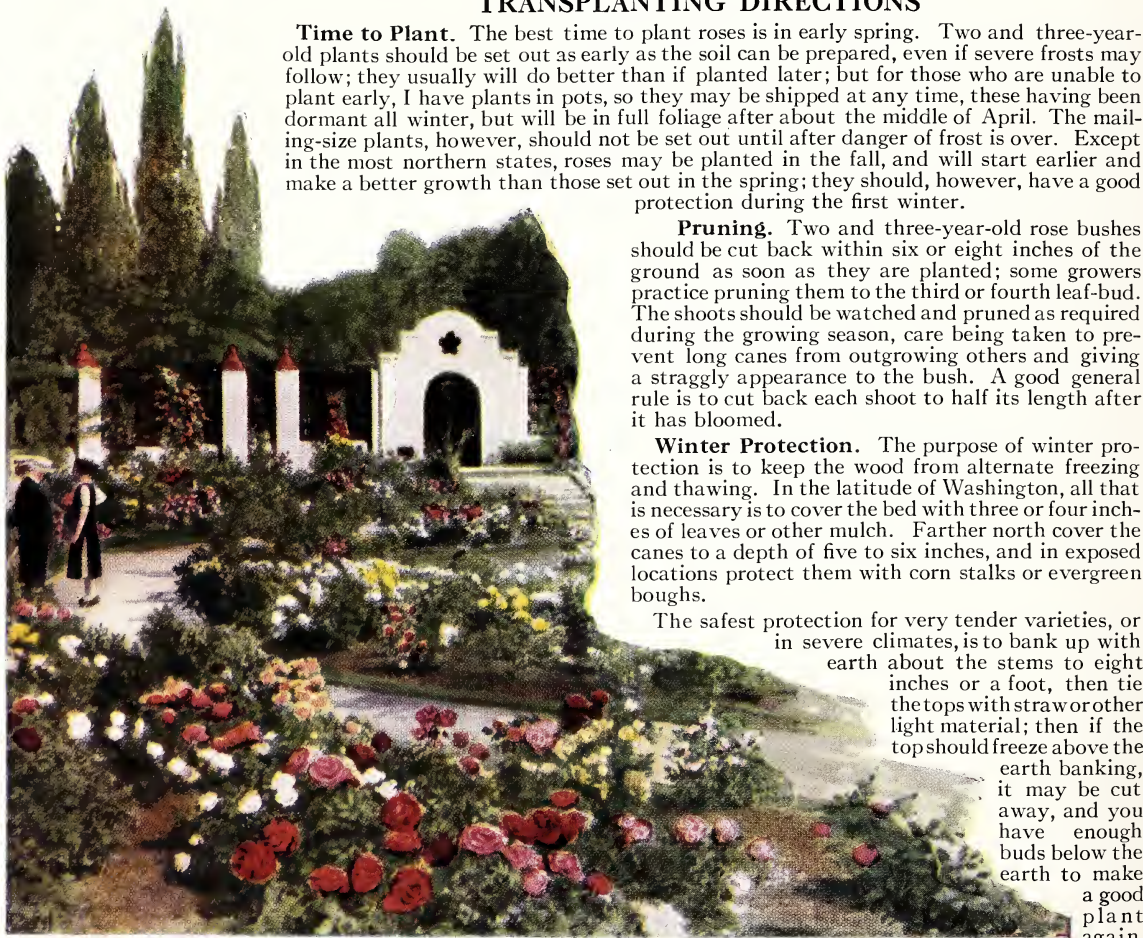
Time to Plant. The best time to plant roses is in early spring. Two and three-year-old plants should be set out as early as the soil can be prepared, even if severe frosts may follow; they usually will do better than if planted later; but for those who are unable to plant early, I have plants in pots, so they may be shipped at any time, these having been dormant all winter, but will be in full foliage after about the middle of April. The mailing-size plants, however, should not be set out until after danger of frost is over. Except in the most northern states, roses may be planted in the fall, and will start earlier and make a better growth than those set out in the spring; they should, however, have a good protection during the first winter.

Pruning. Two and three-year-old rose bushes should be cut back within six or eight inches of the ground as soon as they are planted; some growers practice pruning them to the third or fourth leaf-bud. The shoots should be watched and pruned as required during the growing season, care being taken to prevent long canes from outgrowing others and giving a straggly appearance to the bush. A good general rule is to cut back each shoot to half its length after it has bloomed.

Winter Protection. The purpose of winter protection is to keep the wood from alternate freezing and thawing. In the latitude of Washington, all that is necessary is to cover the bed with three or four inches of leaves or other mulch. Farther north cover the canes to a depth of five to six inches, and in exposed locations protect them with corn stalks or evergreen boughs.

The safest protection for very tender varieties, or in severe climates, is to bank up with earth about the stems to eight inches or a foot, then tie the tops with straw or other light material; then if the top should freeze above the earth banking, it may be cut away, and you have enough buds below the earth to make a good plant again.

PLANT A ROSE GARDEN



New Roses and Roses That Are Scarce

Mrs. E. P. Thom. An outstanding variety of the yellow roses. The foliage is somewhat different being of a leathery texture and appears to be disease resistant. One of the few yellow roses that lasts well when cut for table decorations. The flowers a beautiful yellow fading to a cream yellow as they get old, beautiful in form when in bud. I recommend this new rose to my customers.

Fontanelle. Another addition to our new yellow roses and considered very desirable. A vigorous grower, with healthy foliage and free flowering. Large buds and immense double flowers of lemon-yellow.

Talisman. This new outstanding rose needs but little introduction to those of you that are rose fanciers and who keep up with the newer varieties. While this rose has been on the market but a few years it has become immensely popular. Brilliant red and gold buds opening to well shaped blooms of scarlet-orange and rich yellow. Tall, vigorous grower and always in bloom. (See illustration on back cover page.)

Climbing Columbia. The bush Columbia has proved to be one of the finest of the pink garden Roses, and this climbing form, which is exactly the same except that it is a vigorous climber, is a Rose of great value.

Mrs. F. R. Pierson. Another sport of Premier. An intense crimson scarlet; in nearly all other points it is very much like the parent. Fine reports on its behavior and its beauty are coming from many parts of the country; it is a glorious color.

Climbing Hoosier Beauty. This is another Fairfax Rose that we originated here at Oakton. A vigorous climbing form of Hoosier Beauty.

Souvenir de Claudius Pernet. The sensation of all Yellow Roses. A most vigorous grower of erect branching habit, beautiful, brilliant foliage, long pointed buds of exquisite shape, carried on long, stiff stems. Very large, full flowers with elongated deep petals, a beautifully formed bloom.

Edel. An enormous, bold, stately, well-built flower of great depth, quality and finish. Color, white with the faintest ivory shading towards the base, passing to a pure white. A fine grower with uniform, stout habit. Very free flowering, opening well in all weather, delightfully scented.

Rapture. A much improved sport of Mme. Butterfly, as far ahead of Mme. Butterfly as Mme. Butterfly was of Ophelia.

Gaiety. The expanding bud shows a surprisingly brilliant shade of orange-vermilion as the sepals spread; as the flower develops, the petals are ruffled, each row showing a different tone from soft old rose, pink and orchid to creamy fawn at the center.

Mrs. Charles Lamplough. This is the most impressive new white Rose that we have ever seen. It is immense in size, and with its most wonderful pearl-white coloring, and long, stiff stems, like canes, it is a grand sight. It is a perfect full double Rose.



MRS. E. P. THOM

Etoile De Holland (H. T.) Flower bright red, of medium size, fairly full, deliciously perfumed. Growth vigorous, upright. A rose of great future.

Dixie, a New Rose of Fairfax. This Rose originated at our place here in Oakton, and is offered now for the first time; it is a Radiance Rose of a bright, salmon color, but more double than Radiance, petals incurved, making a cup-shaped bloom, size and habit of plant exactly the same as Radiance.

William Kordes. Long, pointed buds and double, high-centered flowers of deep golden salmon, overspread with a tint of copper, and veined with red. Very fragrant and unusually free-flowering. Vigorous, compact growth. One of the most marvelously colored Roses of recent years—almost any color description would suit it at one time or another, but it is always bright and distinct.

Red-Letter Day (H. T.) (A Dickson & Sons, 1914). Brilliant scarlet-red buds and almost single flowers of fair size, borne on plants of notable vigor with an extravagant abandon hard to equal.

Emily Gray. In this we have a real yellow climbing Rose. The buds are long and pointed, of splendid shape; in color a beautiful light orange-yellow, changing to pale orange as they expand; they are borne on stiff stems of sufficient length for cutting.

Price of all roses on this page: 2-year plants, \$1.50 each.

Hardy Hybrid Tea Roses



SOUV. CLAUDIUS PERNET

ALL ON THEIR OWN ROOTS

These are by far the most valuable and popular of all Roses. They bloom continuously throughout the summer and frequently until late in the fall, and are practically hardy in any climate. There are many varieties in all colors, shapes and sizes of bloom, and all have a delightful fragrance. The assortment that I offer is not so large as that of some growers, but I have tested all the varieties thoroughly, and have confined my list to those which are the most satisfactory in profusion and quality of bloom, foliage and habit of growth. One-year roses should be planted only in spring. Two and three-year may be planted either in spring or fall.

Wm. R. Smith. Light pink. New, hardy, ever-blooming Rose. Color deep ivory-white, overlaid with clear, bright pink. As hardy as Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, and a vigorous and rampant grower. I have a fine stock, and offer it at a reasonable price. Guaranteed to bloom this year.

Hadley. A beautiful rich crimson, touched with maroon, with a delightful velvety gloss on the petals, which are large, forming a good-sized flower with high globular center. The growth is strong and the flowers are borne in profusion. Awarded a Gold Medal by the National Rose Society.

Columbia. This is the best new Rose that has been introduced in the last five years; it is a very vigorous grower and a Rose that is always in bloom; in form it is much like the Cochet, but in color it is much superior, as it has a peculiar glow, as if it shed a light of its own; it varies from a soft pink to a rich glowing red-pink.

La Tosca. This Rose has proved to be of exceptional value in and about Washington, D. C., and in any hot, dry climate there are not a half-dozen varieties that will equal it in growth or blooming qualities. The growth is strong, vigorous, upright, and nearly thornless. It is particularly an easy Rose for the amateur to grow, and should be classed with such free-growing sorts as Radiance, Druschki, Jonkheer Mock, W. R. Smith and Duchess of Wellington. Flowers of the largest size, of a loose, cup-shaped formation; color clear light rose pink.

Jonkheer J. L. Mock. This wonderful Rose originated in Holland a few years ago and Rose experts are just beginning to realize that it is the finest new Rose introduced in many years; it is a very strong grower with large beautiful foliage that is always healthy; blooms are of the very largest size on unusually strong stiff stems, full and double; the full bloom being more beautiful than the bud; the color is very unusual, being a glistening silver pink on the face of the petal and on the back of the petal a deep glowing pink that is really a red; it is a free and continuous bloomer and perfectly hardy.



COLUMBIA

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FRAU KARL DRUSCHKI

Killarney. Pink. A phenomenal Hybrid Tea Rose especially as to the coloring which is an exquisite shade of deep shell pink. The flowers are enormous, the petals frequently measuring 2½ inches deep. Wonderfully strong, throwing up heavy roots crowned with long, heavy buds. Free-flowering and perfectly hardy.

Duchess of Wellington. Yellow. The color is at first an intense saffron-yellow, stained with crimson, which, as the flowers develop, changes to a deep coppery yellow. Old gold would better describe it; it is a particular shade of color not seen in other Roses, one that is quite unique, and will attract instant attention in any collection. When a number are massed together there is no Rose that can equal it in decorative effect. The blooms are semi-double, resembling Killarney in shape, but the individual petals are larger, and the Rose is of the very largest size and delightfully fragrant. The plant is sturdy, stocky and a very strong grower. It is one of the Roses that you cannot do without.

Etoile de France. Red. This French variety is a most valuable addition to the Hardy Hybrid Tea Bedding Roses and is a fitting companion to such high-grade varieties as Killarney and La France. It is a strong, vigorous grower, with good dark foliage, and flowers which are full and double and as beautiful in the bud as in the full-blown flower, and borne on strong, upright shoots in the greatest profusion. In color it is distinct from all Roses in this class being of a rich, velvety crimson with a vivid cerise-red center.

Frau K. Druschki. White. Called by some "White American

Beauty." Strictly speaking, this Rose does not belong in the Hybrid Tea class, as it is pure Hybrid Perpetual. It is, however, such a constant and persistent bloomer that it will pass for a Hybrid Tea. The bud is long and pointed, of the finest form, often delicately marbled with carmine on the outer petals, opening to an enormous flower absolutely pure snow-white, unquestionably the whitest Rose known. The growth is exceedingly strong, vigorous and healthy.

Sunburst. Yellow. The new queen of the Yellow Roses. For years I have been hoping for a perfect yellow Rose. Never before have I seen any to equal this. The color is orange-copper, golden orange and golden yellow, all intense shades and extremely brilliant. The bloom is full and double and holds its color until the petals are ready to drop. The bud is long and pointed. It is pre-eminently a long stemmed Rose.

Lady Alice Stanley. A gem that every one admires; it is absolutely perfect in every way; form, color, size, freedom of bloom and fragrance are all fully developed; in color it is a beautiful shade of coral-rose, the inside of the petals shading to flesh-pink with deep flushes.

Madam Constant Souper. Yellow. One of the most beautiful Roses in existence. Strong, robust, and bears great quantities of flowers. The buds are very long and pointed and of perfect form, on long, stiff stems, opening into large blooms of a splendid deep yellow, edged and feathered peach-pink; sometimes variable in color with less yellow.



OPHELIA

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PINK RADIANCE

Mrs. Aaron Ward. A beautiful yellow Rose from France. Visitors to my Rose gardens go into raptures over this wonderful acquisition. This variety produces as many flowers as any. Blooms are very large, of exquisitely fine form, and are of a delicate Indian yellow color, which shades lighter toward the edges as the flower opens. The demand for this Rose so far has exceeded the supply. Now, however, I have a large supply of sturdy two-year bushes of the Mrs. Aaron Ward Rose.

Gruss an Teplitz, or Virginia R. Coxe. Red. Velvet crimson, shading to brilliant scarlet. The flowers are cup-shaped, moderately full, coming somewhat in clusters on long, stiff stems, and are borne freely and continuously. Its hardiness, beautiful foliage and great blooming qualities make this one of the greatest Roses for massing.

General Jacqueminot. Crimson. A rich, velvety crimson, changing to scarlet-crimson. A magnificent Rose, equally beautiful in the bud state or open. The best known of all Hybrid Perpetuals, and is without a rival in fragrance and richness of color. It is perfectly hardy in most situations.

Ophelia. Salmon-flesh shaded with rose, large and of perfect shape; of excellent habit, the flowers standing up well on long, stiff stems and produced in great profusion. Splendid garden Rose.

Radiance. Pink. John Cook, of Baltimore, has produced more good Roses than any other man in this country, but he has never given us a better Rose than Radiance. It is a continuous bloomer and an extremely vigorous grower, surpassing Wm. R. Smith in that respect. The blooms are very large, clear

silvery pink, somewhat resembling the grand new Rose, Jonkheer J. L. Mock, but lighter in color. This is a variety of the greatest importance. (See front cover for illustration in color).

Paul Neyron. Pink. I call special attention to this grand Rose. The flowers are immense; bright, shining pink, clear and beautiful; very double and full; finely scented; blooms the first season.

Hoosier Beauty. This is a most brilliant crimson-scarlet Rose, with darker shadings on the outer petals to almost black and a texture like velvet. The bud is of good length and opens into a magnificent bloom that is fairly dazzling. It is an unusually free and continuous bloomer, a very strong grower, and sends out stiff shoots with a bud on every one and stems two to three feet long. This Rose, with perhaps the exception of Mrs. Russell and Sunburst, attracts more attention from visitors than any other Rose we have, and is easily the most brilliant of the scarlet-crimson Roses, a splendid garden variety.

Rhea Reid. A big, strong growing variety, robust and rugged in every characteristic, the growth is heavy and the flower stems strong and heavy. It is free flowering, and the blooms are big and double, and in color a rich red.

Kaiserin Augusta Victoria. White. One of the most beautiful of all Roses for open-ground culture. It is a strong, healthy grower and as hardy as any of the Hybrid Perpetual Roses. Blooms steadily from early spring until severe frost; in fact, it is as free-blooming as any Tea Rose. Elegant, large, pointed buds, and large, full-double flowers; color delicate creamy white; deliciously fragrant. As a cut flower it stands without a peer.



RED RADIANCE

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FRANCIS SCOTT KEY

Red Radiance. This new variety is exactly the same as Radiance, except in color, which is a splendid bright red; it is a sport of Radiance, with the same habit of growth, and will easily be one of the very best red garden Roses. Two red sports of Radiance have been introduced; the one I offer is by far the best and darkest color of the two.

Alexander Hill Gray. New. Color is deep yellow, which intensifies as the blooms develop. Flowers large, of great substance and perfect formation; it has a high-pointed center from which the petals gracefully reflex. We have carefully tested this Rose, and find it the most satisfactory yellow variety recently introduced. We recommend it highly.

Francis Scott Key. A very fine, double flower of very large size, and rich crimson shades. A superb bloom at its best.

Golden Ophelia. Similar in habit of growth and freedom of flowering to Ophelia, but with a pretty golden-yellow suffusion.

Clothilde Soupert. Pink. A strong, vigorous grower. The flowers are large, double and beautiful in form, in the style of the beautiful Rose, Ball of Snow. They are borne in sprays, and the color blends from a soft shell pink to a pure, satiny white. Roses with both these colors are borne on the same plant at the same time.

Mme. Caroline Testout. Pink. Planted in the nursery rows with all the other good Roses, you can pick it out across a ten acre field on account of its immense size and brilliant color. Probably no Rose stands higher in public estimation to-day than La France, but Mme. Caroline Testout is decidedly deeper and more brilliant in

CUSTOMERS PLEASE NOTE

I am not listing in this catalog any Shrubs, Evergreens or Broad-Leaved Evergreens and have eliminated from this catalog some of the listings of Perennials, Bulbs and Miscellaneous Plants.

I have endeavored to make a very complete listing of roses properly illustrated, therefore to the Rose Lovers who are in need of any other plants not listed here I will consider it a favor if you will let me know your requirements so that I can take care of your wants promptly.

color and a larger flower, and is as good in other ways. Petals large, exquisitely edged and bordered with clear silver rose. Color brilliant satiny rose.

Hermosa. Pink. An old favorite. It is always in bloom and always beautiful; the flowers are cupped, finely formed and full; color the most pleasing shade of pink, soft, but deep.

Red Columbia. Red. A grand bedding variety. It can be planted anywhere; entirely hardy. Flowers large and fiery scarlet, a color seldom seen in Roses.

La France. Pink. Accounts come from all quarters every year describing the great profusion of its bloom from June until frost, and extolling its fragrance and immense size. It is of superb form, and double as a Rose can be. It is famed for its delicate coloring—silvery rose shaded with pink. It has a satin sheen over all its petals. Entirely hardy.

White Killarney.

This variety possesses all the good points of, and is identical in every way with, its parent, except in color, which is of a clear white. Its parent, Killarney, though introduced only ten years ago, has for several years been one of the most popular Roses. White Killarney has great freedom of bloom, beautiful form and perfect hardiness, which, together with its purity of color assures for it the same popularity.



MME. CAROLINE TESTOUT

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MRS. AARON WARD



LADY ALICE STANLEY



RED COLUMBIA

Tea Roses

This class of Roses is distinguished by a delicate tea fragrance and an absolutely ever-blooming habit. Most varieties are not so hardy as the Hybrid Tea class, but they may be carried through the winter even in the Northern States with careful protection, banking up with soil probably being the most satisfactory method. The Cochet varieties are nearly or quite as hardy as the Hybrids.

White Maman Cochet, or Priscilla.

A charming white Tea Rose. A child of that grandest of bedding or outdoors Roses, Maman Cochet; identical with that variety except in color. Hardy in northern Ohio, with slight protection in winter. Flowers are enormous, remarkably round and full; white and delightfully tea-scented.

Safrano. Yellow. A variety of great value, particularly for outdoor planting. It grows vigorously and has the vitality necessary to produce a continuous crop of flowers from early summer until late in autumn; quite hardy. The color is bright apricot-yellow, changing to orange and fawn, sometimes tinted with rose. Very fragrant.

Lady Hillingdon. One of the latest introductions of the Tea class, and has taken the medal over all yellow Roses, the color being one almost beyond description, apricot yellow shaded to orange on the outer edge of the petal, becoming deeper and more intense toward the center of the bloom. Buds are produced on long, strong, wiry stems, well above the foliage, producing a slender and graceful effect. A valuable addition to any amateur's Rose garden as well as to the professional grower, all of whom will find in this Rose the color that they have long desired. A strong, hearty, healthful grower.

Pierre Notting. In color a rich deep citron-yellow, which intensifies as the bloom expands. The flowers are very large, full and of perfect form, with high-pointed center; the petals, charmingly reflex. The growth is vigorous, erect and free, continuous in blooming, deliciously fragrant (Marechal Niel perfume), a superb Rose in every respect; appropriately described by one grower as a bedding Marechal Niel.

Mlle. Francisca Kruger. Yellow. A strikingly handsome Rose, one of the very best for open-ground culture. It is especially adapted to bedding or massing. Holds its foliage under all sorts of adverse conditions. Flowers deeply shaded coppery yellow. A strong and vigorous grower and a good and constant bloomer.

Pink Maman Cochet. The queen of all pink garden Roses. Clear rich pink, changing to silvery rose. The buds are beau-

tiful, large, full and firm and elegantly pointed; as they expand they show great depth and richness, sometimes measuring $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches from base to tip. Small pot plants will, in the open ground, quickly make large, strong bushes, and produce on long, stiff stems great numbers of perfect flowers. Perfectly hardy in all sections.

Marie Van Houtte. Yellow. Magnificent in the open ground. Extra large full-double flowers; canary yellow, passing to creamy white, shaded rose.

Helen Good. This is the only true Cochet Rose known except the old, well-known Pink and White Cochets. The color is a delicate yellow suffused with pink, each petal edged deeper, very chaste and beautiful. The color, with its immense size and exquisite form makes it one of the greatest Tea Roses.

Laurent Carle. Produces its large, deliciously scented, brilliant carmine flowers throughout the season, nearly as good in hot, dry weather as under more favorable weather conditions. A vigorous grower, and as hardy as a Hybrid Perpetual.

Union City, Tenn., July 12

W. R. Gray, Oakton, Va.

Dear Sir:

It is due you to let you know that the roses we bought of you are doing splendidly, they are by far the best plants we have had from anybody although we have bought roses from several of the largest growers. Fairfax roses for ours in the future.

Yours truly,

ASKINS & DIRKS LUMBER CO.

All of our Rose plants are shipped with soil on the roots and are much more valuable than if shipped with the roots bare; they are in condition to live, and start at once to grow.

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MME. CAROLINE TESTOUT



K. A. VICTORIA



HOOSIER BEAUTY

Gray Matter *for* Rose Growers

IT is true roses may be grown in any good soil, but they flourish better in a rather heavy clay loam than they do in light or sandy soil. To those not acquainted with soils, it will be well to explain that almost any soil that is not sandy or gravelly may be classed, in a general way, as clay, and if it is good enough to grow good farm crops or garden vegetables, it is good enough to grow roses, and does not need the addition of any great quantity of manure. Application of enough manure to just cover the soil from sight is usually sufficient, unless the soil is quite poor to start with. Good stable manure with not too much straw in it is the best; it should not be too fresh, but at least partly rotted. If you cannot procure this, the dried cattle and sheep manure that is now sold in sacks is good.



THE NEW ROSE GAIETY (See Page 3)



ETOILE DE HOLLANDE (See Page 3)



EDITH CAVELL

Baby Roses

The first Rose of this class was the "Baby Rambler" introduced a few years ago. Its name came from the resemblance of the bloom to that of the Crimson Rambler, but as it is not a climber, the name is misleading. All the varieties are perfectly hardy and are among the most free blooming of all Roses. Splendid for low hedges.

Orleans Rose. Red with white center. Of all the Baby Ramblers introduced, this is the best. It is a veritable bouquet of beautifully arranged flowers of deep geranium red with a showy center of pure white. The color effect is striking. The plant grows rapidly, and is one of the most desirable of its class. The blooms have a stiff, paper-like texture, which makes them last for days.

Catherine Zeimet. White. The flowers are pure in color and the fragrance is delightful. These are borne in the customary large trusses and are very showy; as desirable as the crimson Baby Rambler for potting or borders.

Baby Rambler. Red. Wonderful little rose. It is equally fine for bedding or for growing in pots. The plants grow only about 18 inches tall, but bloom constantly. The flowers are small, bright red, in clusters similar to the popular Crimson Rambler. The plant is vigorous and hardy, and the foliage is apparently very free from the attacks of insects.

Madam Cecil Brunner. This is a miniature Rose, but does not belong to the same class as the Baby Ram-

blers. It blooms in sprays of 5 to 8 buds, each on a stem 4 to 6 inches long, the buds are pointed and as perfect in form as a Kaiserin or Cochet, but only a half-inch long or less, fully double and opening into a perfect Rose; in color a most beautiful salmon pink.

Edith Cavell. This is the same class as Orleans, but the color is a brilliant crimson. The best of the red Baby Roses.

Baby Doll. The flowers are miniature in size, but magnificent in form and produced by the hundreds. Exquisite for cutting or bouquets and bedding purposes. Makes a magnificent show in the open ground, always blooming from early spring until late fall. The tips of the petals are vivid scarlet, then mellowing down through shades of pink into saffron, lavender and gold, finally into deep old gold, a combination so extraordinary and so pleasing that everyone seeing it exclaims, "What a Wonderful Rose!" Foliage slender and produced in abundance, dark lustre green.

Rosa Hugonis

Prized for its very early bloom, for it keeps the Tulip company. It is an upright growing shrub with slender, spreading branches on which the fragrant flowers are borne in yard-long sprays of soft yellow. Price, \$2.00 each.

Our plants are on their own roots, and will not worry you by throwing up shoots of wild growth from the roots as budded plants invariably do; these wild shoots always take the strength from the improved bud and your plant is soon worthless.



ROSA HUGONIS

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DOROTHY PERKINS

Rambler Roses

While these do not bloom continuously, they are covered during their blooming season with a wealth of flowers of various shades. The sight of a large Rambler Rose in full bloom is one long to be remembered—a wealth of color shown by no other class of plant.

Mary Wallace. The attractive new climber raised by the late Dr. Van Fleet and first disseminated in 1924 by the American Rose Society, under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture. Semi-double, bright clear rose-pink flowers with salmon base to petals.

Climbing American Beauty. A strong, vigorous climber, but may be kept pruned back to a large-size bush Rose. The blooms are the same size, color and fragrance as the old variety, and when in bloom it is a perfect mass of color.

Dr. W. Van Fleet. A Rose, which on account of its dainty color and exquisitely shaped buds and flowers, has become a great favorite. The long pointed buds are of a rich flesh-pink on stems 12 to 18 inches long; splendid for cutting.

Tausendschon. Truly called "Thousand Beauties." One of the really reliable novelties. It bears its flowers in immense clusters; in color a soft pink when first opening, changing to a carmine-rose on the reverse as they expand.

Empress of China. The Apple Blossom Rose. Soft dark red, changing to light pink like an apple blossom.

Paul's Scarlet Climber. (W. Paul & Son, 1917) (W.) Vivid scarlet, shaded crimson, makes a brilliant display for a long period of time in the garden. A wonderful new climbing Rose. Received the gold medal and cup for the best new climber at the National Rose Society's exhibit.

Gardenia. Buds bright yellow, opening double flowers of cream color; incurving towards evening to the shape and color of a Cape Jessamine, hence its name.

Pink Dorothy Perkins. The flowers are clear shell pink, with lovely, oddly wrinkled petals; buds pointed, well formed, borne in great clusters. A fine climber and a profuse bloomer; flowers very durable and the clusters are good for cutting.

A WORD ABOUT CLIMBING AND RAMBLING ROSES

The many uses of this type of rose make the planting of them necessary in every planting.

For the rose arbor, for screens, for hiding unsightly objects, they are necessary. Then the new Hybrid Tea Climbers may be used where cut flowers are wanted for table decorations. I might call to your attention some of the new varieties of this type that have recently been placed on the market—such as Climbing Columbia, Climbing Hoosier Beauty, Climbing Souv. Claudius Pernet. **AND DON'T FORGET TO ORDER SOME OF THE NEW ROSE—TALISMAN.** See illustration on outside back cover page.



PAUL'S SCARLET CLIMBER

Price of all Roses on this page: 1-year plants, 30 cts. each (\$3.00 per dozen); 2-year plants, 90 cts. each (\$9.00 per dozen); 3-year plants, \$1.10 each (\$12.00 per dozen).



CLIMBING METEOR

Everblooming Climbing Roses

ALL ON OWN ROOTS

Climbing Meteor. Grand new velvety red Rose, the acme of all red climbing Roses. It is a free, persistent bloomer, and will make a growth from 10 to 15 feet in a season. We do not hesitate to place it at the head of the list of all Roses for summer blooming, as it will make a strong growth, and is literally loaded with flowers all the time.

Marie Henriette. A good red ever-blooming climber. Flowers larger than Meteor, but lighter in color. A good, strong grower.

Mary Washington. White. Flowers are of medium size, pure white, sweet, perfectly double to the center, and borne in endless numbers in large clusters all summer. Vigorous and rapid grower. One plant of Mary Washington will produce more flowers and buds than a dozen ordinary Roses.

Climbing Testout. This is one of the most satisfactory ever-blooming pink climbers. Bloom the same in every way as the bush Rose.

Climbing Killarney. Pink. An exact counterpart of Killarney in every respect, except that it is a vigorous climber. This will prove a great garden Rose.

Climbing Columbia. Another climbing Rose of merit; of course it has the same good qualities of the bush Columbia. Its habits of free-flowering make it a worth while variety to include in your collection.

Climbing Souv. Claudius Pernet. We may consider ourselves fortunate to have a climbing Rose of this type. We are all familiar with the bush Rose; the climbing variety is just as good, and we highly recommend it to you.

Climbing Hoosier Beauty. A mass of brilliant crimson-scarlet on a Rose arbor, a sight that will never be forgotten. The blooms are borne on strong shoots the same as the bush variety, but more of them. Why not plant this variety and have a Rose arbor really worth while?

1535 Kearney St., N. E., Washington, D. C.,
November 11, 1929.

Mr. W. R. Gray, Florist, Oakton, Va.

Dear Sir:—I must tell you about your roses: At our Woodridge Garden Club this year I got 2 Blue Ribbons on Red Radiance Rose. Best in class and finest rose in show.

Yours truly,
MRS. H. G. BERGLING.

Climbing Jules Gravereaux. This is one of the most valuable ever-blooming climbers ever introduced. The blooms are immense in size. They are perfectly double; white, tinged with blush pink with a yellow base; in freedom of bloom it is superior to Mrs. Peary or Climbing Meteor, and should easily be first choice among all climbing Roses.

Reve d'Or. (Golden Chain or Climbing Safrano). Yellow. A beautiful pillar Rose. Color orange-yellow or deep saffron; good size, full and sweet. I have a fine stock of this Rose, and recommend it highly.

White Microphylla. Flowers purest white, double, sweet.

Climbing Paul Neyron. Pink. One of the very best of all climbing Roses. An extremely free and continuous bloomer, of a very large size and fine pink color. Much more like La France than Paul Neyron in color, shape and blooming qualities. Would have been better named "Climbing La France."

Marechal Niel. Yellow. The world-renowned Rose. A beautiful, deep sulphur-yellow; very full, large and exceedingly fragrant. It has a climbing habit, and in a few years will attain a large size, yielding thousands of beautiful golden yellow flowers. Especially desirable in the South.

Climbing Clothilde Soupert. White. In this climbing variety we have the vigorous constitution of Clothilde Soupert, combined with the same wonderful freedom of bloom and extreme hardiness. The color effect is magnificent—ivory-white, shading toward the center to silvery rose.

Mrs. Robert Peary. (Climbing Kaiserin). White. This is, without doubt, the grandest of all white climbing Roses. It is the first and only white, hardy ever-blooming climbing Rose, and, as such, fills a demand that has never before been supplied. Small plants bloom continually the first season, just as the parent, Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, does. The flowers are extra large, full, deep and double, and are produced on long, stiff stems like a forcing or cut-flower Rose. The buds are long and pointed, exquisitely modeled and gracefully finished. Both in bud and flower it is truly beautiful.

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Hardy Perennial Plants



COLUMBINE

Aquilegias, or Columbines

The Columbines are one of the most elegant and beautiful of hardy plants, producing their graceful spurred flowers on stems rising 2 feet or more above the beautifully divided foliage. Price, 25 cts. each.

Campanulas, or Bellflowers

Indispensable, hardy garden flowers, of much variety of form and color. Price, 25 cts. each.

Delphiniums, or Hardy Larkspurs

Belladonna. The freest and most continuous blooming of all, never being out of flower from the end of June until cut down by hard frost. The clear turquoise-blue of its flowers is not equalled for delicacy and beauty by any other flower. Price, 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per dozen.

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Spectabilis (Bleeding Heart, or Seal Flower). An old-fashioned favorite; its long racemes of graceful heart-shaped pink flowers are always attractive; it is used largely for forcing, and is perfectly at home in any part of the hardy border and especially valuable for planting in the shade. May; 2 feet. Price, 50 cts. each; \$5.00 per dozen.

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Pure White. Violet. Purple. Price, 35 cts. each; \$3.50 per dozen.

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A robust type of upright habit, producing an abundance of flowers of enormous size in all the richest shades of crimson, pink and white; separate colors. Price, 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per dozen.

Papaver Orientale

Large Oriental Poppies

These are the legal representatives of this popular genus, growing 3 to 3½ feet high, and far surpassing in splendor of bloom all the annual and biennial kinds, and for a gorgeous display of rich and brilliant coloring nothing equals them during their period of flowering in May and June, and whether planted singly or in masses their large flowers and freedom of bloom render them conspicuous in any position. Price, 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per dozen.

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(Red-hot Poker, Flame Flower, or Torch Lily)

Pfitzerii (The Everblooming Flame Flower). The early, free and continuous blooming qualities of this variety has made it one of the great bedding plants, and when we consider that there are few flowering plants which are suitable for massing under our severe climatic conditions, it is little wonder that such an elegant subject should become so popular. Price, 25 cts. each; \$2.50 per dozen.

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Rosea Superba. Brilliant deep cerise pink, blooms compact and perfectly formed; healthy growth; long stems; keeps.

Louis Van Houtte (Delachei). Fine, dark crimson; very double.

Queen Victoria (Whitleyii). Pure white; the standard market variety for storage.

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Hardy Perennial Plants (Continued)

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Price of all Phlox, 30 cts. each; \$3.00 per dozen.

Henry Marcel (Medium). Pure red, with bright salmon shadings.

Beranger. Ground color white, delicately suffused with rosy-pink, and distinct eye of same color; extra-lytely marked.

R. P. Struthers. In our estimation, the very best Phlox grown to-day—it has no faults. Color clear cherry-red, suffused with salmon shades; deep red eye; fine large truss. The color is so clear and clean that each individual floret stands out as distinct as a cameo.

Mrs. Jenkins. The best tall early white for massing.

Rosenberg. Bright reddish-violet, with blood-red eye; large truss. Individual florets as large as a silver dollar.

Widar. In color a light reddish-violet, with very large white center, which intensifies the color.

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Flowering Almond. Plants covered with pink bloom early in spring, double like little roses, an old well-known very desirable shrub. Price, \$1.00 each.

Lilacs, Common (*Syringa Vulgaris*). Common purple lilac. Price, 2-year plants, by express, 75 cts.; extra size, \$1.00.

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Viburnum Plicatum (Japan Snowball). This shrub produces perfect balls of snow-white flowers in May. Price, 2-year plants, 75 cts.; extra 3-year plants, \$1.00.

Spirea, Anthony Waterer. A dwarf variety, which seldom exceeds 30 inches in height and bears flat-topped clusters of crimson flowers in great profusion; 2-year field-grown plants, 75 cts.; extra 3-year plants, \$1.00.

Van Houttei. Best of all the Spireas in existence. Covered in June with clusters of white flowers. 2-year field-grown plants, 75 cts.; extra 3-year plants, \$1.00.

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Deutzia, Dwarf. Pink or white. 2-year, 75 cts.

Buddleia Variabilis Veitchiana (Butterfly Shrub or Summer Lilac). One of the most desirable summer flowering shrubs. Price, 2-year, 75 cts.

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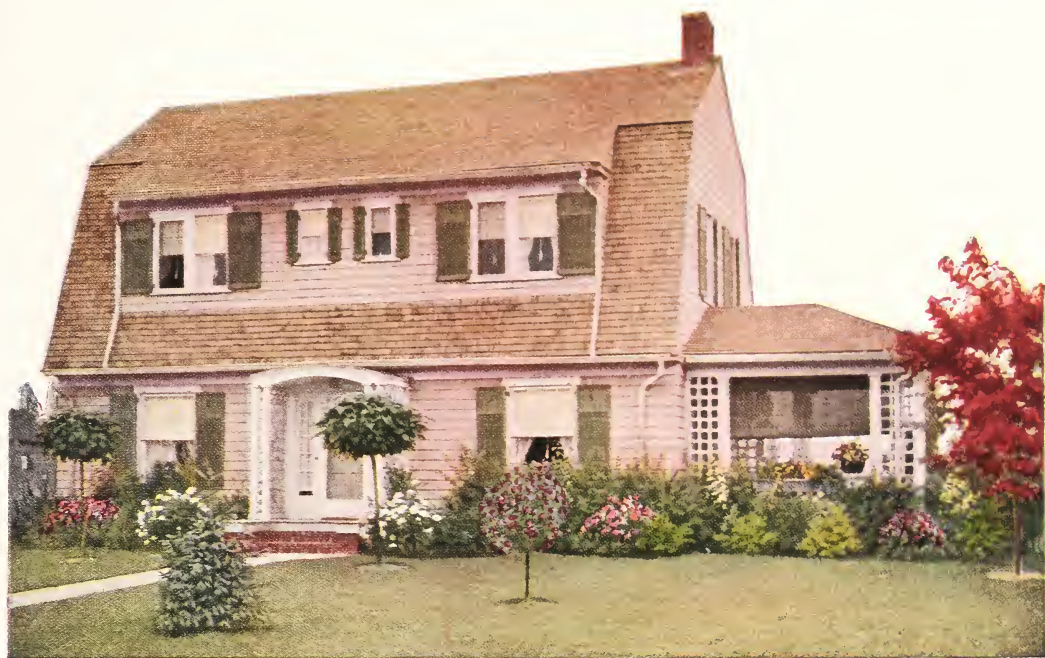
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